

Public Awareness Program (RP 1162) Filing

On June 16, 2006, the Federal Register published an Advisory Bulletin on pipeline operator submission of public awareness programs.

All master meter operators and petroleum gas system operators, whose primary business is not the transportation of gas by pipeline, do not need to submit public awareness programs. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) plans to initiate a rulemaking in the near future to modify public awareness requirements for these operators.

All intrastate pipeline operators excluding master meter or petroleum systems will need to have their public awareness programs available by June 20, 2006 for review and submit their programs starting on August 8th. Please submit your written public awareness program to PHMSA's Public Awareness Program Clearinghouse between August 8 and October 8, 2006. In order for PHMSA and our agency to accurately identify the pipeline operator submitting their program(s) use the existing Online Data Entry System (ODES) to electronically submit. If the operator does not have an Operator Identification Number (Op ID) and PIN number you will have to obtain this information before you can submit the public awareness program.

E-filing is strongly encouraged through ODES and will not be enabled until August 8, 2006. However, please visit ODES web site and obtain your Op ID and PIN at:
<http://opsweb.rspa.dot.gov/cfdocs/opsapps/pipes/main.cfm>

Alternate to e-filing: In lieu of e-filing, operator may mail a disk or provide a paper of their public awareness program to:

Public Awareness Program Clearinghouse
PHMSA, 400 7th Street, SW, Room 2103
Washington, DC 20590

If you have questions pertaining to the advisory bulletin or filing requirements please contact the Gas Pipeline Safety Division at 800.342.8359.